



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

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2 **MEMORANDUM**
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4 **TO:** The Commission
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6 **FROM:** Kathleen M. Guith
7 Associate General Counsel for Enforcement
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9 **BY:** Mark Allen *MA*
10 Assistant General Counsel
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12 Christine C. Gallagher *CG*
13 Attorney
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15 **SUBJECT:** MUR 7068 (Mowrer for Iowa, *et al.*)
16 Pre-Probable Cause Conciliation Agreement
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19 On December 12, 2017, the Commission voted to enter into pre-probable cause
20 conciliation with Mowrer for Iowa and Dennis Skinner in his official capacity as treasurer
21 ("Committee") and James Mowrer (collectively "Respondents") in connection with the
22 Respondents' violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30114(b)(1) by converting campaign contributions to
23 "personal use."¹ Respondents impermissibly used campaign contributions to make \$4,333.32 in
24 salary payments to Mowrer after he ceased to be a candidate, and \$7,462.65 in reimbursements
25 to him for health insurance premiums, an expense that would have existed irrespective of his
26 campaign.² Attached is a negotiated joint conciliation agreement from the candidate and the
27 Committee, which would settle the Respondents' violations.³ We recommend
28 that the Commission accept the signed agreement.
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¹ MUR 7068 Commission Certification at 2 (Dec. 14, 2017).

² MUR 7068 Factual and Legal Analysis at 5-10.

³ Respondents have executed a tolling agreement, which extends the statute of limitations for a period of sixty (60) days, making the earliest limitations date December 17, 2018, and the latest February 3, 2020. *See* Consent to Extend the Period of Time to Institute a Civil Law Enforcement Action (May, 4, 2018).

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Therefore, we recommend that the Commission accept the attached conciliation agreement and close the file in this matter.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept the attached conciliation agreement with James Mowrer and Mowrer for Iowa and Dennis Skinner in his official capacity as treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letter.
3. Close the file.